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In re: Williams *et al.*

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**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 4, 2005**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Substitute Amendment to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action (the "Final Action") mailed May 4, 2005. Applicants provide the present Substitute Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

The Final Action indicates dependent Claims 8-10, 12, 13, 20, 21 and 23-25 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten dependent Claims 8-10, 12, 13, 20, 21 and 23-25 in independent form.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.